

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay. In other words, the bill would have straightened out the situation which those veterans would not have to deduct their retirement monies. Is that correct?

SENATOR MARESH: No. The committee amendments put it back to the way it is now, that they have to be deducted. In other words, they can receive both.

SENATOR NEWELL: But the original bill would have taken that requirement out.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes. I'm not too hepped on this. I think Senator Lewis wanted to hurt the bill, that's why he got this amendment on there.

SENATOR NREWLL: I'm not sure what Senator Lewis' motivations were. His reputation precedes him. I don't need comment on that. The committee amendments, which would put this back in I think, are something that this body ought to consider very seriously. The situation is a two-sided coin. One side says that those people...those veterans who are presently working and their employer is paying money, and will be prohibited from collecting unemployment benefits, in fact, if they become unemployed. The other side of it is that it does lower, for the employers, the rates for the employers by providing some 800 or 1000 people who can never benefit greatly from unemployment comp., but who will have to pay into the pool. So I can see two sides. I have gotten a number of letters. I would urge the body to eliminate or take this provision out, in other words, to oppose the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR DWORAK PRESIDING

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, there are some errors being floated around here, not purposely, but there is an error. If you want the veterans put back in so they can be eligible to draw unemployment benefits should they be laid off, for example what happened at Hy-Gain, then vote against, vote no against the committee amendment. It isn't talking about the bill. It isn't talking about seasonal employment. All it's talking about is veterans. Senator Newell, I hope that you'll listen. It's talking about deleting. If you vote for the committee amendments you will delete people from being able, Senator Newell, to draw unemployment. I know you're not for that. I'm sorry you're confused. This will put 12,000 Nebraska veterans back in. I know that your group, Senator Newell, will be in favor of that. Vote no for the veterans. That is what it means. Very simple. I would ask you to vote against the committee amendment, only again dealing with veterans not seasonal employment, not changing 3.7 to 4.7 for the employees, but merely bringing back, into Senator Newell's force, 12,000 people. Vote no.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Cullan, did you wish to speak? Senator Lamb, did you wish to speak? Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, are we talking about the committee amendments now?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes.